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CATTLE CENSUS IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cattle census has been undertaken recently in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the number of cattle especially the milking cattle, at present in the State;

(c) the position of cross breed cattle in the State; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union and State Governments to increase the number of cattle and improvement in their breeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a)to(c): The State of Jharkhand was earlier a part of the State of Bihar.No Livestock census has been undertaken by the State Govt. of Bihar since 1987. Accordingly, information about milking cattle and cross-bread cattle based on Livestock Census is not available.

(d): The policy of the Government has been not only to improve the productivity ofthe animals so that the output per animal is increased but also to see that increased production is achieved with lesser number of animals as the carrying capacity of the land is not sufficient to sustain more number of cattle. The Government recently have approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz.The National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding which aims at both delivery of quality breeding inputs at the door steps of the farmer and genetic improvement of cattle and buffaloes in the country over a period of ten years.